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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROPOSE A CORRIDOR FLIGHT TO SCHOENEFELD

REF: BONN 248, JAN 7, 1974

1. AT JUNE 24 TRI-PARTITE BONN GROUP - CAA MEETING  
FRENCH REP DE BOISSIEU SAID THAT FRENCH FOREIGN TRADE  
MINISTER SEGARD WOULD VISIT EAST GERMANY JULY 9 THROUGH  
11 AS AN OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE GDR. SEJARD WILL TRAVEL  
ON A FRENCH MILITARY AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED TO LAND AT  
SCHOENEFELD ON JULY 9.

2. FRENCH PROPOSE TO ROUTE SEJARD'S FLIGHT THROUGH THE  
CENTRAL CORRIDOR, FOLLOWING THE SAME PROCEDURES AS SET  
OUT LAST YEAR FOR THE FAURE FLIGHT. AIRCRAFT WOULD  
TRANSIT THE CENTRAL CORRIDOR INTO THE BCZ UNDER BARTCC  
CONTROL, SWITCHING TO SCHOENEFELD CONTROL FOR THE  
FINAL APPROACH AND LANDING. ACCORDING TO DE BOISSIEU,  
FRENCH ENVISAGED THE SAME BASIC PROCEDURES AS PROPOSED  
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FOR THE ROCKEFELLER FLIGHT. IN THE EVENT THE SOVIET

CONTROLLER INDICATED THAT GDR AUTHORITIES HAD AUTHORIZED THE CORRIDOR PORTION OF THE FLIGHT, THE AIRCRAFT WOULD DIVERT TO TEGEL. THE FRENCH WOULD, HOWEVER, CONSIDER A REFERENCE TO GDR APPROVAL OF THE ACTUAL LANDING AT SCHOENEFELD ACCEPTABLE AND WOULD NOT DIVERT THE AIRCRAFT. (THIS IS, OF COURSE, CONSISTENT WITH THE FRENCH POSITION AT TIME OF THE FAURE FLIGHT, REFTEL.)

3. THE RETURN FLIGHT SCHEDULED ON OR ABOUT JULY 12 WOULD LIKEWISE FOLLOW A CENTRAL CORRIDOR ROUTING, UTILIZING THE POLISH LOT PROCEDURE FOR THE HAND-OVER TO BARTCC AND THE BASC ARRANGEMENTS WORKED OUT FOR THE ROCKEFELLER FLIGHT. US AND UK REPS MADE NO COMMENT EXCEPT TO UNDERTAKE TO REPORT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AND BE IN TOUCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DE BOISSIEU ADDED, GRATUITUOUSLY, THAT IF BRITISH WERE PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE TO HAVING THEIR CONTROLLER PASS THE CARD IN BASC, FRENCH WOULD CONSIDER ROUTING THE FLIGHT THROUGH THE SOUTH CORRIDOR.

4. COMMENT: AS TURNED OUT TO BE THE CASE WITH FAURE, WE DOUBT THAT SEGARD WOULD CONSENT TO A LAST-MINUTE DIVERSION TO TEGEL WITH A RED-CARPET WAITING AT SCHOENEFELD. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, FAURE'S AIRCRAFT IN THE EVENT USED A NORTH-SOUTH ROUTING RATHER THAN THE CORRIDOR. NONETHELESS, GIVEN OUR GENERAL INCLINATION TO CONCUR IN THE FAURE FLIGHT, AND OUR RECENT PROPOSAL FOR ROUTING DAVID ROCKEFELLER'S FLIGHT FROM SCHOENEFELD THROUGH THE CORRIDORS, WE WOULD BE DISPOSED TO SUPPORT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND GUIDANCE REQUESTED. HILLENBRAND

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